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Re: Case no. **17234**

November 3, 2004

Mr. Geoffrey Griffis, Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
441 N. 4th Street NW, Suite 210-S
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

This is written in support of a variance to expand Fire Station No. 29 on Mac Arthur Blvd. in the Palisades, and for a small increase in the number of parking spaces behind the station. The Palisades Citizens Association fully endorses this application and urges the BZA to support the Fire Department's plans for this expansion.

The applicants have submitted plans to expand the building to house an emergency rescue squad vehicle. This is a modest request to accommodate a section of the addition whose construction will extend beyond the set back line but not beyond the property line. The area opposite the proposed expansion is heavily wooded and will shield the addition.

The addition of an emergency vehicle in this section of the city is critical to the health and safety of residents in the Palisades and the rest of Northwest Washington. It does not radically alter any aspect of the zoning code, yet maintains the character and context of the original station. Its size, massing, scale and other site considerations are, and will continue to be in line with the existing streetscape.

As such, we urge you to approve this request and thank you for your favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Z Aiches, Chair
Zoning Committee
Palisades Citizens Association

Cc: Chief Richard Sterne, Facilities Maintenance Division
Chief Subacz, Engine Company 29

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